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United States Patent [19] Falconer

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[54] HAND BOARD
[76] Inventor: Glen Falconer, 325 S. Washington
#148, Kent, Wash. 98032
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[21] Appl. No.: 29/061,544
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Primary Examiner—Kay H. Chin

CLAIM

I claim the ornamental design for a hand board, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a side elevational view of my hand board showing an unassembled condition.

FIG. 2 is a top plan view of FIG. 1.

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FIG. 4 is a top plan view of the wrist cord with a knot on each end.

FIG. 5 is a top plan view of my hand board in an assembled condition with wrist cords and safety jesses'.

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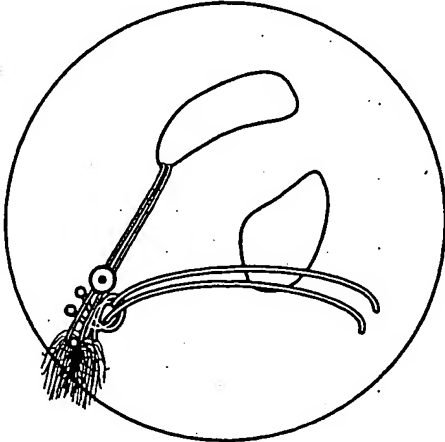
FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view of FIG. 5.

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Cool
SkyBoard

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United States Patent [19] Falconer

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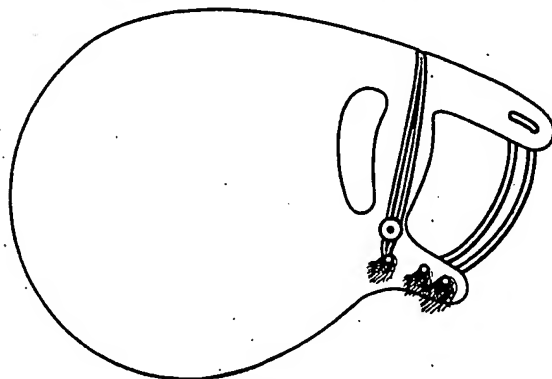
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Coastin' in the Shade

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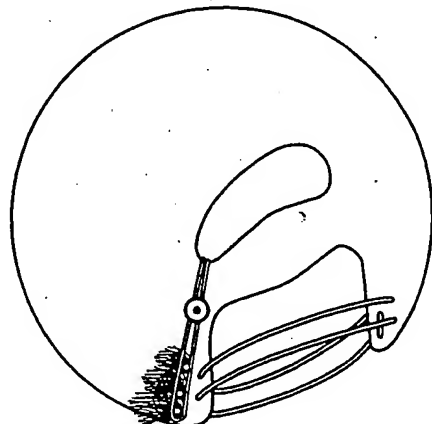
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Sweet

United States Patent (19)

Harrison

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[54] HANDTOOL

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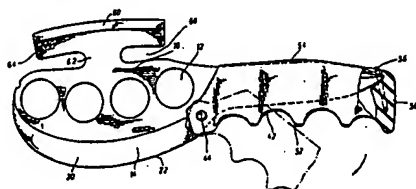
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ABSTRACT

There is provided an improved hand tool having a body portion with an axe blade attached thereto. A knife blade extends from the body portion so as to be pivotally mounted on the body portion so as to be movable between first and second positions. The sheath is configured to cover the knife blade when the sheath is in the first position and to cover the axe blade when the sheath is in the second position.

20 Claims, 3 Drawing Figures



United States Patent (19)

Morera

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[54] MULTI-FUNCTIONAL HAND TOOL

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[22] Filed: Mar. 17, 1997

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[52] U.S. Cl. 7/167; 81/489; 81/24.4

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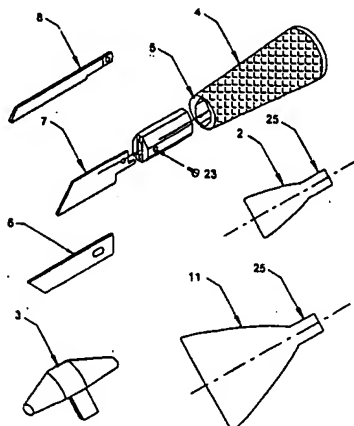
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ABSTRACT

A multi-functional hand tool is provided having a handle portion to be held by a user. The handle portion is made to receive a plurality of different types of tool attachments. To secure these tool attachments, a plurality of slots are machined into an attachment portion of the hand tool. The attachment portion is simply a rigid element which can receive, retain and rigidly secure one of the tool attachments within one of the slots. The slots are sized differently to accommodate various marketed tool attachments, such as jig saw blades, reciprocating saw blades, utility knives, et. al. Further, pry knives, and striking implements can be made having a suitable tang for engaging one of the slots. The device is meant to be used as an all purpose sawing, cutting, scraping, spreading and striking implement which would replace a great deal of expensive tools commonly needed by apartment dwellers, students, and "do-it-yourselfers".

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United States Patent (19)

Magan

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[54] HANDTOOL

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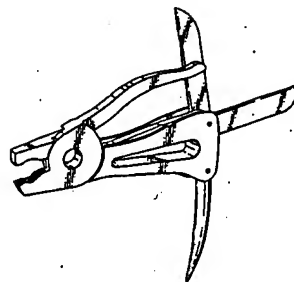
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CLAIM

The ornamental design for a handtool, substantially as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the handtool showing my new design with the various components shown in the open position;
FIG. 2 is a side view from the right hand side of the handtool showing my new design with the various components shown in the closed position;
FIG. 3 is a side view from the left hand side thereof;
FIG. 4 is a top view thereof;
FIG. 5 is a bottom view thereof;
FIG. 6 is a front view thereof; and
FIG. 7 is a rear view of the handtool of my new design.



United States Patent (19)

Anderson et al.

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(45) Date of Patent: Oct. 17, 2000

[54] TROWEL AND SCREWDRIVER COMBINATION HANDTOOL

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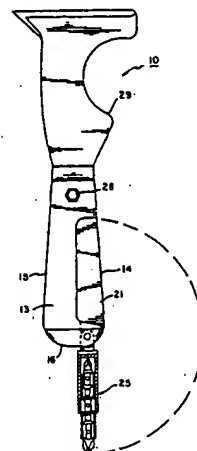
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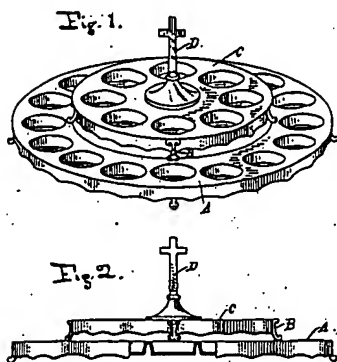
ABSTRACT

A combination trowel and screwdriver is provided wherein the trowel handle houses and removably retains a tool bit drive assembly which houses a plurality of tool bit or screw drivers. The user pivots the tool bit drive assembly housing away from the handle to a position extending in the proximate direction from the handle. The user then selects the desired tool bit drive for insertion at the proximate end of the assembly and with the proximate end of the handle screws the screw into a recessed position in a wallboard construction. The user then retracts or pivots the tool bit drive assembly into the handle, and then with the trowel end pushes or spreads a wallboard plastic or finishing material over the recessed screw head to finish the wall.

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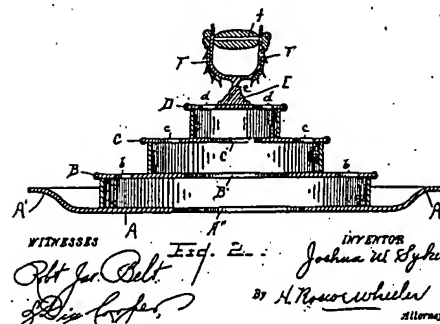
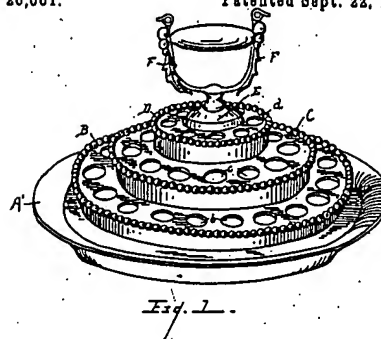
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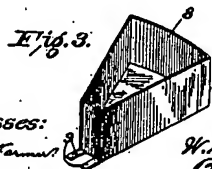
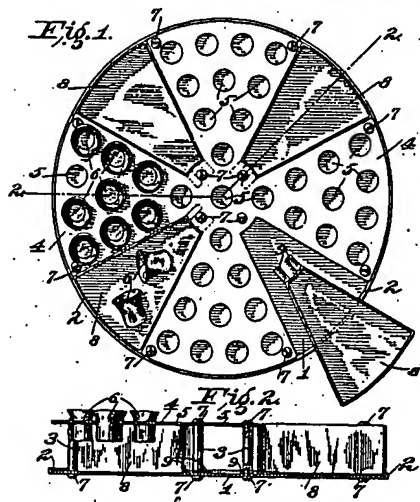
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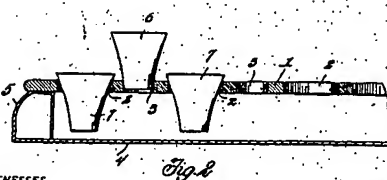
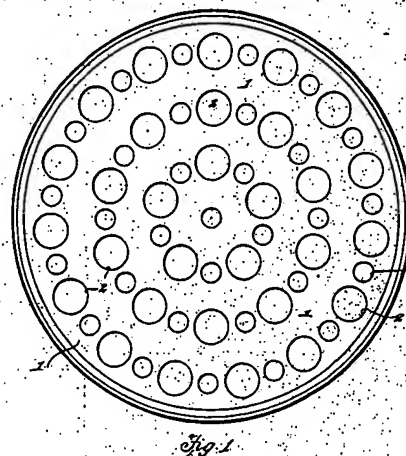
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[34] TABLE TENNIS PADDLE

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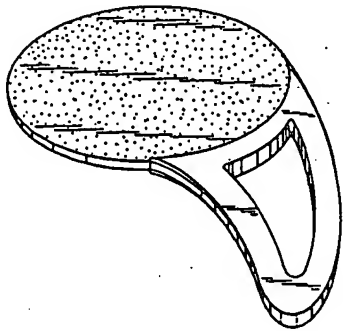
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[37] CLAIM

The ornamental design for a table tennis paddle, as
shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a table tennis paddle
showing my new design.
FIG. 2 is a side view, and
FIG. 3 is a top view the bottom view being a mirror
image of the top.

[34] TABLE TENNIS BAT BLADE

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[21] Appl. No.: 64,355

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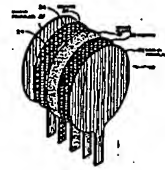
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[37] ABSTRACT

The blade for a table tennis bat includes a layer of light-weight, low modulus of elasticity material positioned centrally with respect to the thickness of the blade and overlaid by a constraining layer of high modulus of elasticity material. The blade also includes a smooth, rigid outer layer bonded to the outer surfaces of the two constraining layers. The constraining layers are composed of strands of stretch resistant material woven transversely to each other to form a flat mat.

6 Claims, 2 Drawing Figures



[34] PADDLE BALL RACQUET

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[22] Filed: Jan. 31, 1992

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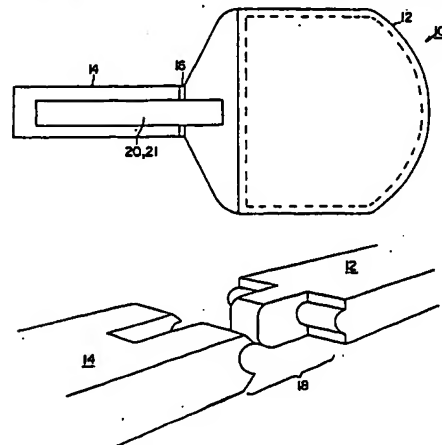
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[37] ABSTRACT

A paddle ball racquet for a slow paced table tennis game is herein disclosed. The racquet is modified to eliminate the advantages of the power player by imparting flex or articulation between the racquet handle and the paddle surface. The design parameters of the racquet prevents accurate return of the game ball if the racquet speed exceeds certain empirically determined limits. Accordingly, the racquet handicaps the power player and thereby emphasizes accuracy in shot placement. The racquet of this invention can be used in conventional table tennis or, in conjunction with a unique table tennis layout designed for accurate shot placement.

4 Claims, 4 Drawing Sheets



[34] TABLE TENNIS HANDLE-LESS RACQUET AND MULTIPURPOSE COMBINATION TABLE

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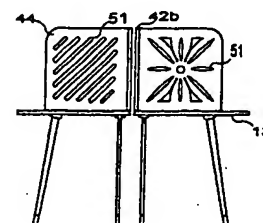
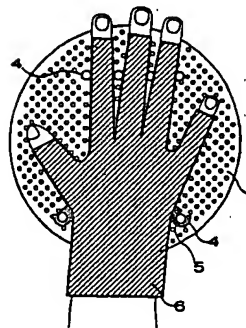
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ABSTRACT

A table tennis handle-less paddle or racquet, and a multi-purpose sport & entertainment game-study convertible table are disclosed. A racquet is characterized by combination of two separate impact surfaces, between which a player's hand is inserted. The racquet and game are specifically designed as an integrated package, to develop motor skills for the youngest players, and to facilitate learning table tennis, starting from age five to six. A concept of novel hardware is also applicable to older children and adults as well. A multipurpose convertible table is constructed to serve as a game apparatus (table tennis or surface propelled puck game), or as a student study-work fixture.

4 Claims, 3 Drawing Sheets



[54] APPARENT WIND INDICATION DEVICE

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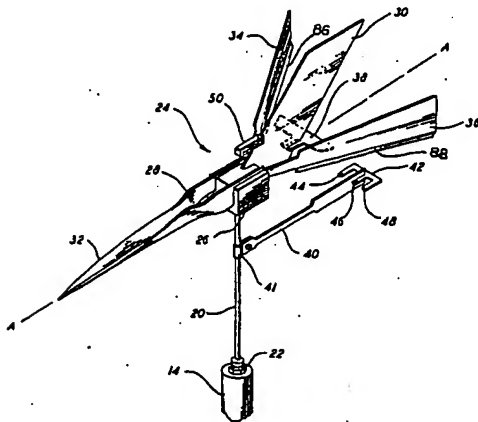
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[57] ABSTRACT

A device for mounting on a sailboat to provide a visual indication of the optimum boat-to-wind angle to achieve maximum distance per unit of time to windward. A pivotally mounted wind vane includes a pair of flexible struts extending outwardly at equal angles on each side of the vane centerline and are deflected from a normal, undeflected position inwardly in proportion to apparent wind velocity. A flexible elongated member is affixed at one end to the support upon which the vane is pivotally mounted and is likewise deflected in accordance with apparent wind direction and velocity. Steering the boat to bring the flexible member into predetermined positional relationship to one of the flexible struts provides the desired optimization for upwind travel, of boat-to-wind angle. The device is also useful in downwind sailing by aligning one of the struts on the wind-vane with either the transverse or longitudinal axis of the boat, depending on apparent wind velocity.

10 Claims, 8 Drawing Figures



[54] WINDVANE

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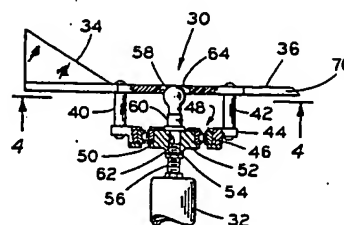
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2 Claims, 5 Drawing Figures



[54] BIRD REPELLING MEANS

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[21] Appl. No.: 791,989

[22] Filed: Oct. 28, 1983

[31] Int. Cl.: A01M 29/04

[32] U.S. Cl.: 43/2; 446/178; 446/213; 116/22 A; 43/1

[38] Field of Search: 43/2; 1; 116/22 A, 23, 116/24, 140, 141; 446/178, 178; 213, 216, 40/440, 455

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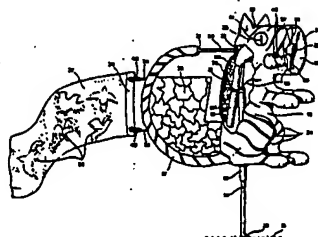
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[57] ABSTRACT

This invention is a combination of visual and aural devices to create panic in selected bird species. This is accomplished in part through a body simulating a Tiger Cat which is weather-vane mounted. The body includes bright orange stripes and has predatory eyes. Streamers depicting perched birds are attached to the tiger's tail and an internal wind driven flute produces a variety of the scree. Additionally, reflectors are used on a propeller to simulate light reflection from a gun barrel. Further, random or scheduled explosions from an acoustically actuated explosive and bird warning and distress calls are broadcast over loud speakers for the species of birds being repelled.

24 Claims, 6 Drawing Figures



[54] WEATHERVANE SUPPORT

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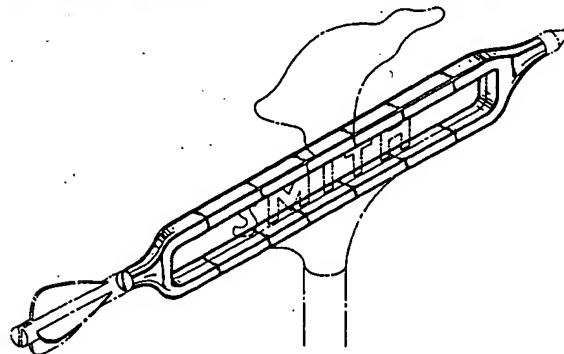
[57] CLAIM

The ornamental design for a weathervane support, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the weathervane support of the present invention;
FIG. 2 is a side view of the weathervane support of FIG. 1;
FIG. 3 is a top plan view of the weathervane support of FIG. 1;
FIG. 4 is a bottom view of the weathervane support of FIG. 1;
FIG. 5 is a front end view of the weathervane support of FIG. 1;
FIG. 6 is a back end view of the weathervane support of FIG. 1.
The broken line showing is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets



United States Patent

Check et al.

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[54] HAND SCOOP FOR GRASS AND LEAVES
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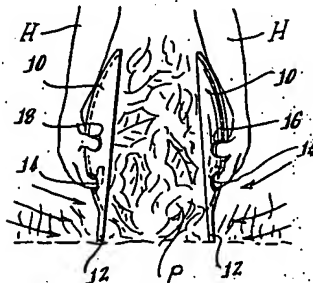
ABSTRACT

A pair of concave scoops that are operated by a person's hands which have teeth that function as rakes to assemble leaves, grass clippings, and other debris into a pile that can be lifted for disposal into garbage bags, wheelbarrows, or the like. The scoops are lightweight, and easily grasped and maneuvered into position to lift up and dispose of any unwanted debris from lawns and other locations.

9 Claims, 7 Drawing Figures

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United States Patent

Costar

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[54] COMBINATION HANDRAKE, SCOOP, GRASPING TOOL AND METHOD OF USE
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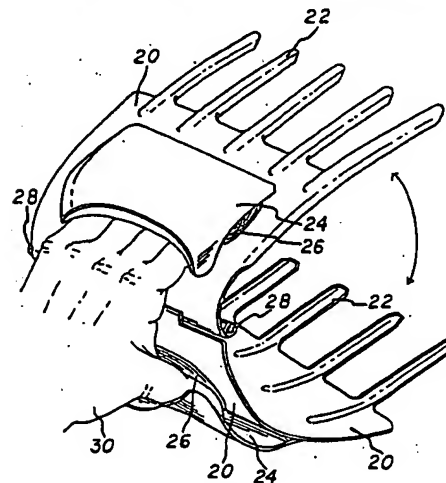
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ABSTRACT

A one hand operable grasping tool having extended and crossing tines, or raking members, that transform the tool into a small one hand operable rake when in a closed position.

3 Claims, 4 Drawing Sheets



United States Patent

Anthes et al.

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[54] RAKING APPARATUS WORN ON A HAND
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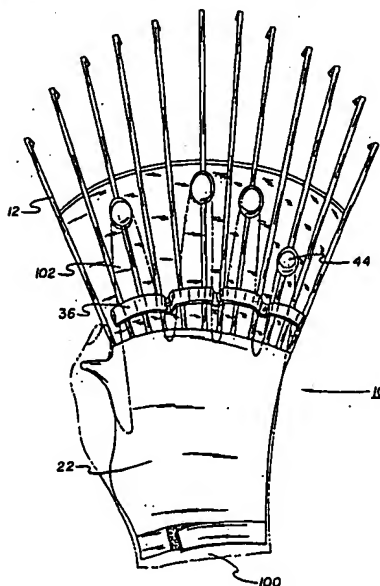
ABSTRACT

A raking apparatus worn on a hand comprised of a plurality of L-shaped rake portions. The plurality of rake portions are coupled together by an arcuate support rod. A palm receiving portion is secured to end portions of the plurality of L-shaped rake portions. A finger receiving portion is secured to the plurality of L-shaped rake portions adjacent to the palm receiving portion.

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5 Claims, 3 Drawing Sheets



United States Patent

McKittrick

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[54] GARDENING IMPLEMENT HAVING ENHANCED LEVERAGE
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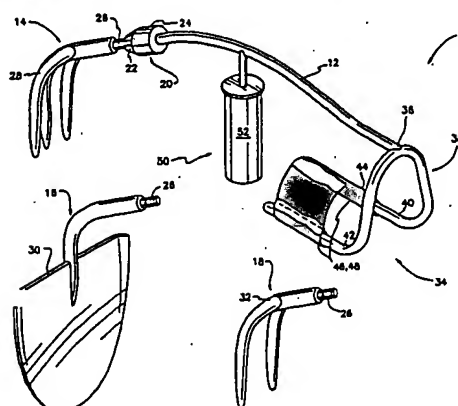
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ABSTRACT

A hand held garden tool configured to enhance downward force for digging and raking. The tool has a rod frame which extends from a working element attached to the tool at the free end of the tool to a brace located at the rear of the tool. The brace rests on the user's wrist or forearm, so that additional force is developed when the working element is urged downwardly into the ground. A handle depends from the frame at a point between the working element and the brace. Vertical orientation of the handle is more natural and comfortable than would be a horizontal orientation. The handle is provided with a molded grip for cooperating with a user's hand. The tool has a chuck for accepting diverse working heads, and preferably is provided with a plurality of diverse working heads. Exemplary working heads include rakes, spades, and pry.

5 Claims, 3 Drawing Sheets



United States Patent (19)

Teascher

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[54] HANDSAW WITH SPECIALIZED CUTTING TEETH

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[22] Filed: Jan. 15, 1978

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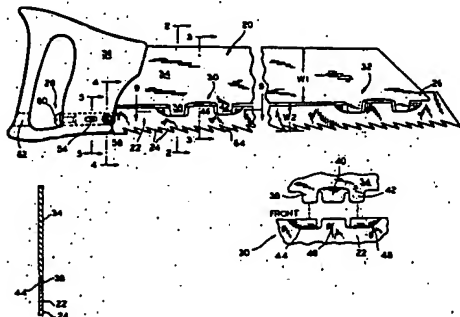
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[57] ABSTRACT

A hand saw has a main blade and an auxiliary cutting blade with specialized fingers. The cutting blade is held tautly between two points disposed on opposite ends of the main blade. Interlocking teeth prevent the two blades from springing apart without interfering with the tautness of the cutting blade. The vertical projection of the cross section of the two blades is the same as the vertical projection of one blade alone, so that the two combined saw blades easily follow their own knife.

11 Claims, 9 Drawing Figures



United States Patent (19)

Nelson

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[54] HANDSAW FRAME

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[22] Filed: May 13, 1987

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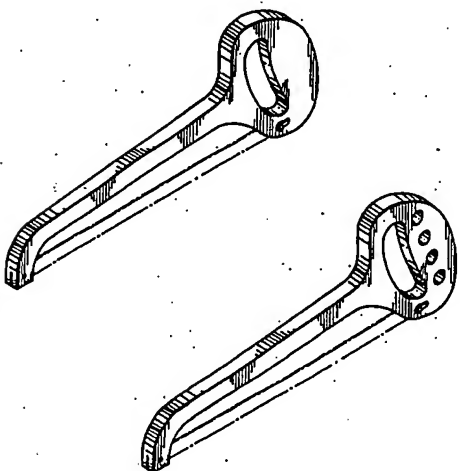
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[57] CLAIM

The ornamental design for a hand saw frame, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a top perspective view of a hand saw frame showing my new design;
FIG. 2 is a side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 3 is a left end elevational view thereof;
FIG. 4 is a right end elevational view thereof;
FIG. 5 is a top plan view thereof;
FIG. 6 is a bottom plan view thereof;
FIG. 7 is a top perspective view of a hand saw frame showing an alternate embodiment of my new design;
FIG. 8 is a left end elevational view thereof;
FIG. 9 is a right end elevational view thereof;
FIG. 10 is a top plan view thereof;
FIG. 11 is a bottom plan view thereof.
The broken line showing of the saw blade is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.



United States Patent (19)

Fodor

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[54] COMBINATION CROSS AND RIP CUT HANDSAW

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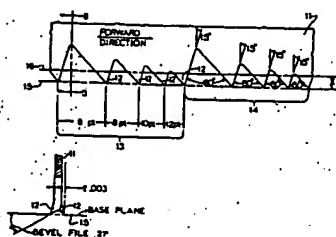
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[57] ABSTRACT

A hand saw is provided having uniform repetitive groups of teeth with the tips thereof disposed in a straight line and with the depth and pitch diminishing in the forward direction. Each group of teeth in the illustrated embodiment is composed of four teeth of different lengths, 4, 8, 10 and 12 points. Although each tooth per group is of different length, the set of each tooth is equal with only a portion of each tooth being bent. Other critical angular relations are maintained.

6 Claims, 4 Drawing Figures



United States Patent

Bachta

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[54] PLUNGE DRYWALL SAW

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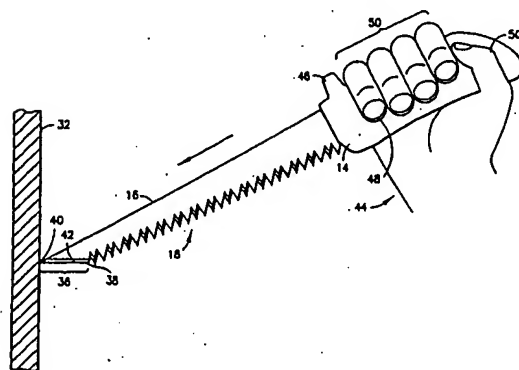
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[57] ABSTRACT

A hand saw for penetrating and cutting drywall, comprising a handle, an elongated blade having generally opposed blade top and bottom edges, the blade top edge being flat and said blade bottom edge having saw teeth for cutting drywall, the blade having an inner end and an opposed free end area, the inner end being attached to the handle and the free end area having a tapered sharpened cutting edge extending from the blade bottom edge at the saw teeth to the blade top edge. The cutting edge is formed by a pair of inwardly tapered flat surfaces of the blade between the blade top and bottom edges at the free end area that converge at the sharpened cutting edge. A pointed tip is defined by the blade flat top side and the tapered cutting surface and the pair flat surfaces and by the blade flat top side. A hand strap is connected to the top side of the handle. The blade bottom edge is slightly tapered upwardly relative to the blade top edge between the handle and the free end area at the sharpened cutting edge.

10 Claims, 7 Drawing Sheets



United States Patent (19)

Schlueter et al.

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(34) SWIM AND EXERCISE PADDLE IMPROVEMENT

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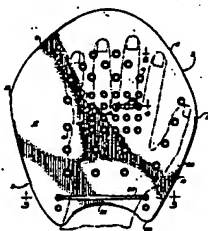
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ABSTRACT

A swimmer's flexible plastic hand paddle has a surface area larger than a human hand, and a plurality of perforations (approximating the user's hand size) which are positioned to an off-set location on the paddle toward the thumb side of the user's hand. The edge of the paddle closely approaches the outer edge of the thumb side on the thumb side when the hand is in position on the paddle, whereas on the little finger side of the paddle there is a substantially larger (compared to the thumb side of the paddle) area (preferably superimposed) that makes a water lock. The corners of the paddle are rounded and means for attaching the user's hand to the paddle and positioned in a desired position over the perforations are provided. The thickness in a plastic material having a modulus of elasticity of about 130,000 p.s.i. is from 2 to 4 mm., preferably 3 mm.

15 Claims, 1 Drawing Sheet

Not Round, Not Rigid.
No cut out grip.



Not stable at 120 mph.
Not stable in White Water.
Silly holes reduce efficiency.

United States Patent (19)

Johnson

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(45) Date of Patent: Apr. 30, 1996

(34) SWIMMER TRAINING PADDLE

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(21) Appl. No.: 502,630

(22) Filed: Jul. 14, 1995

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(53) Field of Search: 441/55, 56, 57, 441/58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64; D21/236, 237, 238; 434/254

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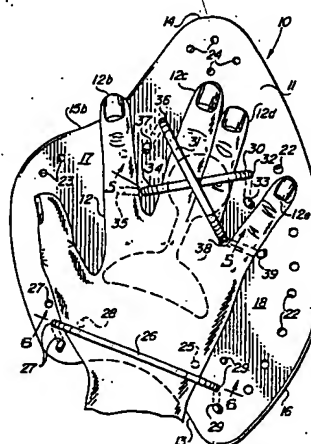
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ABSTRACT

A swimmer's hand paddle in the form of a rigid planar member has a mitten-shaped surface area, larger than the human hand and wider in the palm area than in the area of the middle finger, and has an irregularly-shaped aperture of a width approximating the width of the hand positioned at a location on the paddle so as to be covered by the most sensitive area of the palm when the hand is properly positioned on the paddle. From one end of a proximal curved wrist edge to a point beyond the end of the thumb, the thumb side edge closely approaches the outer edge of the thumb and then curves inwardly and merges with a sharply curved distal end, whereas the little finger side edge extends with flared curvature from the distal end to the other end of the curved wrist edge. The area of the little finger side of the paddle is larger than the thumb side area, and has a curved row of perforations which closely approaches the little finger side edge for reducing the resistance to water of the little finger side during the routine of a swimming stroke. The user's hand is attached to and positioned on the paddle by sections of rubber tubing pulled through sets of perforations, one set positioned near the wrist edge and another set positioned at the approximate location of the base of the user's fingers.

14 Claims, 1 Drawing Sheet



Useless over 30 mph.
No ergonomically correct cut out grip.



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(12) United States Design Patent

Chiang

(10) Patent No.: US D439,299 S
(45) Date of Patent: Mar. 20, 2001

(34) SWIMMING OAR

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(*) Term: 14 Years

(21) Appl. No.: 29/124,904

(22) Filed: Jan. 6, 2000

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(53) Field of Search: D21/807, 803; 441/55-58, 60-64

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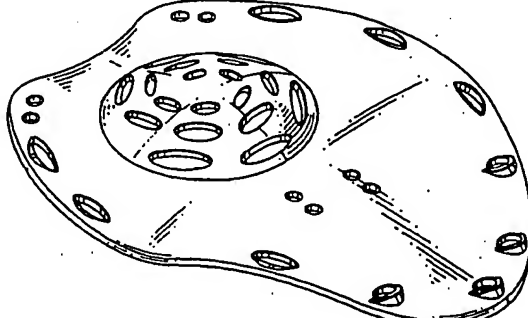
CLAIM

The ornamental design for a swimming oar, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a top, left, front, perspective view of a swimming oar showing my new design;
FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;
FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view thereof;
FIG. 4 is a left elevational view thereof;
FIG. 5 is a right elevational view thereof;
FIG. 6 is a top plan view thereof;
FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view thereof; and,
FIG. 8 is a top, right, front, perspective view of reference of a swimming oar.

1 Claim, 6 Drawing Sheets



My dog loves these things!

United States Patent (19)

Liveoak

(11) Patent Number: 5,842,896
(45) Date of Patent: Dec. 1, 1998

(34) HAND OPERATED PADDLE

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(22) Filed: Dec. 20, 1994

Related U.S. Application Data

(63) Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 12,304, Aug. 30, 1993, Pat. No. 5,353,575.

(51) Int. Cl. A63B 31/10

(52) U.S. Cl. 441/56; 440/101

(53) Field of Search: 440/101; 441/53, 441/54, 58; 416/70 R; D12/215; D21/239

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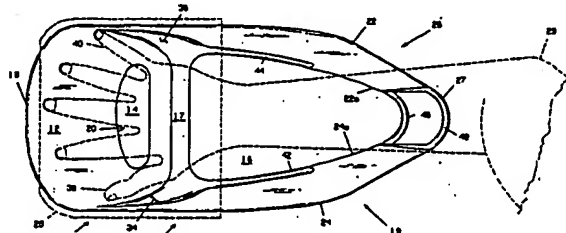
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Primary Examiner—Sherron Bazinger
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ABSTRACT

A paddle for use with a hand and forearm of a user is provided. The paddle has a paddle blade of a length shorter than its width, and generally encompasses an area approximating the span of the hand of a user. A support which provides support for the wrist extends from the paddle blade to a point near a user's elbow, with an opening in the support through which a user inserts a hand. A cover surrounds the hand and secures the paddle blade to the user's hand. As such, the user may rest an opened hand against the blade while using the paddle.

15 Claims, 3 Drawing Sheets



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United States Patent [19]

Rozenblad

[11] 4,351,525

[45] Sep. 28, 1982

[54] MULTIPLE USE EXERCISING DEVICES

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[21] Appl. No.: 236,830

[22] Filed: Feb. 23, 1981

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[53] Field of Search 272/62, 111, 63, 144, 272/93, 126, 109, 248/343, 15/103.5, 104/94, 253, 7/167

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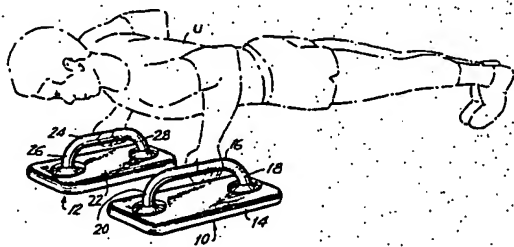
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Primary Examiner—Richard C. Pinkham
Assistant Examiner—William R. Browne

[57] ABSTRACT

An exercise device having one or two wood plaques with relatively flat, inverted U-shaped members extending vertically upright thereon. The U-shaped members are tubular and include horizontal portions with ends thereon extending downwardly into the plaques which serve as bases. Internal members in the ends include projections extending through the bases and engaged by locking members constructed into the bases. The locking members are covered by non-skid mats. Collars encircle the aforementioned ends to aid in holding the U-shaped members upright.

3 Claims, 5 Drawing Figures



United States Patent [19]

Olson

[11] Patent Number: 4,585,228

[45] Date of Patent: Apr. 29, 1986

[54] WEIGHT ASSEMBLY

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[21] Appl. No.: 644,901

[22] Filed: Aug. 31, 1984

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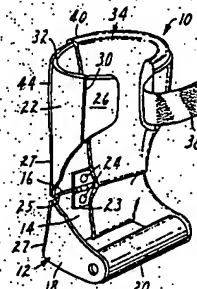
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Assistant Examiner—Robert W. Bahr
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[57] ABSTRACT

A weight assembly adapted to be worn around a hand, wrist and forearm comprising a heavy metal stirrup like plate having a central portion adapted to generally cover and extend transversely across the back of the hand, and end portions projecting generally at right angles from opposite ends of its central portion a distance adapted to extend past the palm of the hand; and a tubular grip extending between the end portions adapted to be encircled by the fingers and thumb of the hand. A heavy metal forearm plate extends for a predetermined distance from the wrist longitudinally along the forearm and is attached to the first plate by a hinge having a single pivot axis along the wrist. A flexible cover envelops the hand and forearm plates and the hinge, and includes a closure for releasably fastening the forearm plate to the forearm.

8 Claims, 4 Drawing Figures



United States Patent [19]

Cleto

[11] Patent Number: 5,530,967

[45] Date of Patent: Jul. 2, 1996

[54] HOCKEY TRAINING GLOVES WITH ATTACHABLE AND REMOVABLE WEIGHTS

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[21] Appl. No.: 365,444

[22] Filed: Sep. 13, 1994

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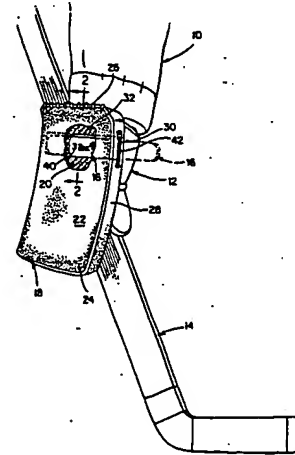
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[57] ABSTRACT

A hockey players gloves with attachable and removable weights in which the weights are insertable and removable from a pocket associated with the gloves. In certain embodiments, a portion of a blocking pad is positioned between the inserted weight and the surface of the pad adapted to engage or block a hockey puck that may be traveling at a relatively high rate of speed. In other embodiments, the weight is insertable and removable from a pocket formed in the cut area of each glove. The gloves may be used both as a warm up aid for use just prior to a game or as a training aid during various practice periods. The pocket receiving the weight is provided with a closure and the weight is preferably metal and provided with a coating of resilient material, such as rubber or the like.

3 Claims, 2 Drawing Sheets



United States Patent [19]

Puentes

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[45] Date of Patent: Oct. 25, 1994

[54] EXERCISE DEVICE

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[21] Appl. No.: 952,595

[22] Filed: Sep. 23, 1992

[51] Int. Cl. A63B 26/00

[52] U.S. Cl. 482/341; 482/44; 482/147

[53] Field of Search 482/44-46, 482/49, 141, 146, 147

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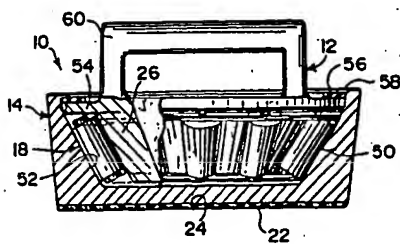
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[57] ABSTRACT

An improved exercise device is provided which consists of a hand engaging member, a base for supporting the hand engaging member on an underlying surface and a mechanism for rotating the hand engaging member about a vertical axis relative to the base, so that a user can develop a forearm/arm and upper body, while doing push-ups, so as to better execute karate punches and other sport motions of a like nature.

7 Claims, 3 Drawing Sheets



(54) MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING PAD AND BLOCKING SHIELD
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Assistant Examiner—Michael O'Neill
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ABSTRACT

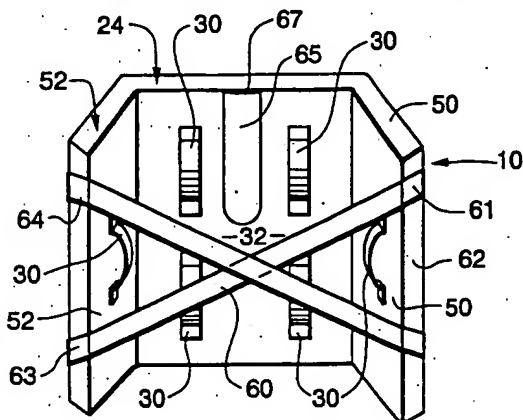
The invention relates to a combination training pad and blocking shield for use in martial arts training. The pad and blocking shield is portable and has frontal and side surfaces which allow an athlete training in martial arts to spontaneously practice frontal and lateral kicks and punches on the shield while such shield is held by a partner as well as mid and high level attacks techniques, without concern for the safety of the partner.

9 Claims, 2 Drawing Sheets

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(22) Filed: Oct. 27, 1994
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(54) FULL CONTACT MARTIAL ARTS SPARRING INSTRUMENT

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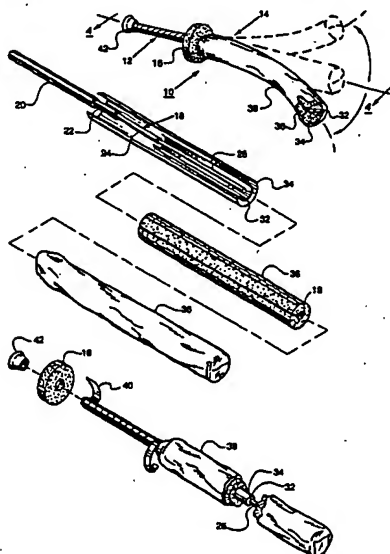
ABSTRACT

A sparring instrument is disclosed which allows for safe, full contact training. The sparring instrument comprises a handle and a striking portion having a beating armature mounted thereto. The beating armature comprises a tip rod telescopically received within a plurality of telescopically mounted cylinders. The beating armature is covered by a sheath extending beyond the tip rod. The sheath is covered by a soft, flexible material to its end. The sheath is made of a soft, resilient material whereby the sheath extends from the end of the soft, flexible material when the instrument is bent.

18 Claims, 2 Drawing Sheets

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(**) Term: 14 Years

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(58) Field of Search: D21/642, 787, D21/798; 482/83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 473/444

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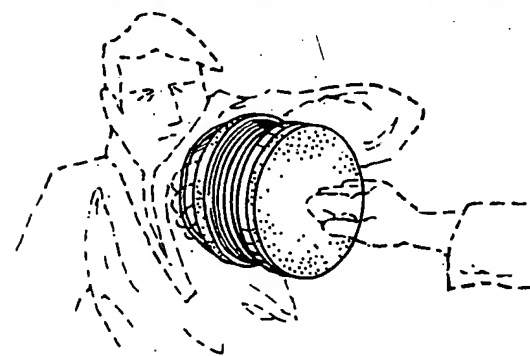
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(57) CLAIM
The ornamental design for a martial arts training device, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is an isometric showing of a martial arts training device showing my new design; FIG. 2 is a rear elevation thereof; FIG. 3 is a top view thereof; FIG. 4 is a side elevation thereof, both sides being generally the same except that one is the mirror image of the other; FIG. 5 is a bottom view thereof; and, FIG. 6 is a front elevation thereof. The broken line portions of the FIG. 1 drawing are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet



(54) MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING DEVICE

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(58) Field of Search: 482/83, 84, 84-87; 2714, 161 R, 2, 69.5; 602/14, 20, 18, 21, 40

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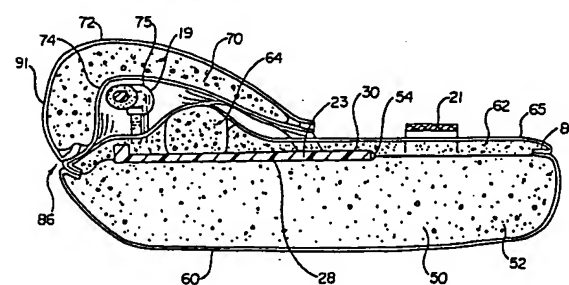
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ABSTRACT

A martial arts training device is provided by the present invention. The martial arts training device includes an integrally constructed target pad and striking glove. The target pad is provided for protecting a wearer's forearm when an opponent strikes the pad. The striking glove is provided for protecting the wearer's hand when the wearer strikes another combatant or another target pad.

10 Claims, 2 Drawing Sheets



[54] Eviscerating and Skinning Knife
[76] Inventor: Carl J. Addis, 115 Valley Dr., Casper, Wyo. 82601

[22] Filed: June 19, 1972
[21] Appl. No.: 264,260

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[63] Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 159,991, July 6, 1971, abandoned.

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[58] Field of Search 30/286, 287, 294, 295, 30/299, 317, 155; 7/14.1

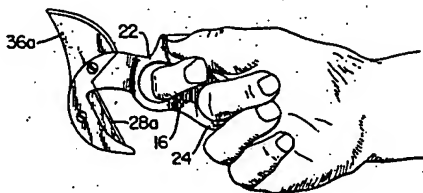
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Primary Examiner—Al Lawrence Smith
Assistant Examiner—J. C. Peters
Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Sheridan, Ross & Fields

[57] ABSTRACT

A knife for use in eviscerating animals and of particular utility to hunters of game animals which are usually eviscerated at the scene of the kill. It is characterized by a hook-shaped member having a cutting edge at the inner portion of the right thereof and having roller entrainers at the free end which roll along the inner or viscera side of the hide. It is of the draw-cut type, pulled by a ring or rings attached to a shank of the member which, in an optional form, may be a pivotal connection which permits folding of the parts into compact relationship. In an optional form of the invention the rollers may be replaced with a ball-shaped depressor which is of particular utility in skinning or eviscerating the hide, rather than eviscerating entrails. In another optional form a second blade is provided for cutting between the skin and carcass.

3 Claims, 15 Drawing Figures



[54] BLUNT NOSE KNIFE
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[**] Term: 14 Years
[21] Appl. No.: 8,763
[22] Filed: May 23, 1993
[52] U.S. Cl. D7/649
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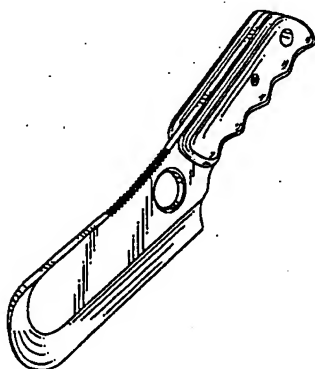
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Primary Examiner—Alan P. Douglas
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Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Gumbrell, Wilson & Hamilton

[57] CLAIM
The ornamental design for a blunt nose knife, as shown.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a right perspective view of the blunt nose knife of the present invention;
FIG. 2 is a left perspective view of the blunt nose knife of the present invention;
FIG. 3 is a top view of the blunt nose knife of the present invention;
FIG. 4 is an elevational right side view of the blunt nose knife of the present invention;
FIG. 5 is a front view of the blunt nose knife of the present invention;
FIG. 6 is a rear view of the blunt nose knife of the present invention;
FIG. 7 is an elevational left side view of the blunt nose knife of the present invention; and,
FIG. 8 is a bottom view of the blunt nose knife of the present invention.



[54] FINGER HOLE KNIFE

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[22] Filed: Nov. 20, 1973

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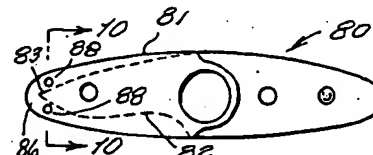
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Primary Examiner—Al Lawrence Smith
Assistant Examiner—J. T. Zatzara

[57] ABSTRACT

An improved design of knife in which there is a knife blade and a handle for being held in a user's hand, the handle having a hole extending therethrough so that a finger of the user can be inserted therein so to provide a more firm grip and prevent slipping of the knife in the hand; the knife design being readily adaptable for any knife such as either a pocket knife, boot knife, hunting knife or the like.

2 Claims, 18 Drawing Figures



[54] KNIFE HOLSTER FOR A HAND

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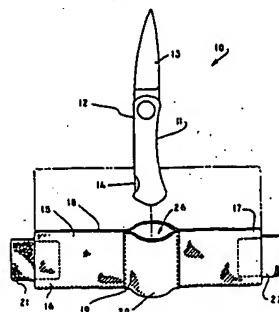
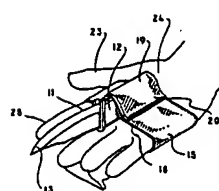
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[57] ABSTRACT

A knife holster for a hand for holding and supporting a blade between the user's fingers. The knife holster for a hand includes a knife having a handle and a blade pivotally and lockingly attached to the handle; and also includes a strap assembly being adapted to fasten about a user's hand and being adapted to support the knife upon the user's hand.

11 Claims, 2 Drawing Sheets



[54] DEPLOYABLE WING BACK PACK
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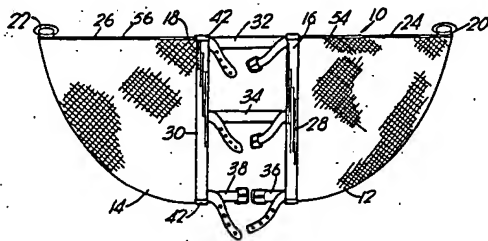
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[57] ABSTRACT

A pair of section-shaped wings stored in a pair of spaced apart elongated housings strapped vertically to the back of the user and adapted to be deployed from the housings utilizing rotatably mounted handles secured to the wings. Each housing has a longitudinal opening through which a wing is packed into a housing and deployed therefrom. Each wing comprises a pliable sheet of material which is secured to its respective housing along one side margin and secured to a rigid strip at another side margin. The strips are pivotally mounted and carry the handles which allow the wings to be manipulated by the user for accomplishing sky diving maneuvers.

8 Claims, 6 Drawing Figures



[54] THROWING GOOD FOR USE IN SKY DIVING

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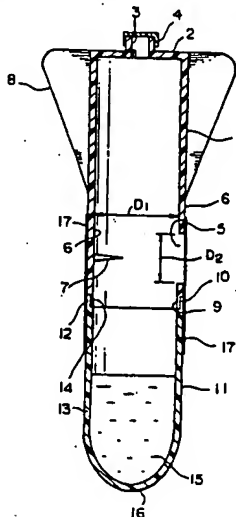
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[57] ABSTRACT

A throwing good for use in sky diving, including a thin-gage, synthetic resin-made back body, a roughly circular opening window, a nozzle, a front body, and ballast water. The back body has a bottom and a cylindrical shape. The bottom has a small hole which can be opened and closed at will by means of a plug. The opening window is provided on the wall close to the front opening of the back body. The nozzle is directed toward the opening window provided from the inner wall confronting the opening window. The front body has the same diameter as that of the back body of which back opening has a tip shaped into a hemisphere. The back opening of the front body is joined to the front opening of the back body and the joining portion is integrated by covering it with a rubber band of broad width capable of covering even the opening window. The ballast water fills the front body.

1 Claim, 5 Drawing Sheets



[54] JUMPING GARMENT FOR A PARACHUTIST
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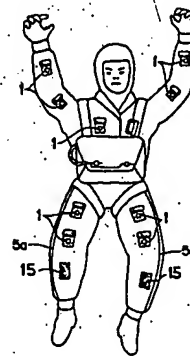
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[57] ABSTRACT

Jumping garment for a parachutist in which means are incorporated for increasing the drag during the free fall. The drag-increasing means comprise openings formed in the wall of the garment in at least one of the sides of the body. The openings are adapted to allow direct entry of air into the space defined by the garment around the body of the parachutist so as to fully inflate the garment.

15 Claims, 6 Drawing Figures



[54] SKY DIVING TRAINING DEVICE

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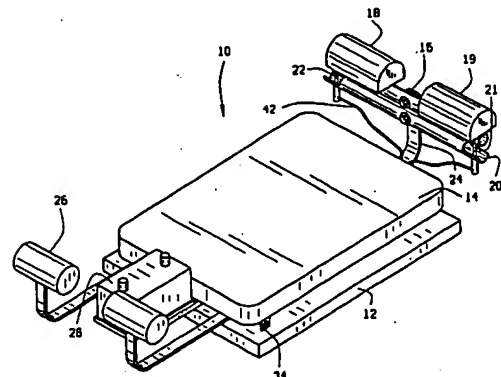
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ABSTRACT

A sky diving training device for training a student to assume the correct position for free fall. The device has a platform mounted on a pivot. The student lies face down on the platform with his shoulders on a steering bar. When the student drops the device begins rotating. When the student corrects his shoulder position, the device stops rotating. However if the student over corrects the shoulders, the device begins rotating in the opposite direction. The rotation simulates what happens in a free fall if the diver allows one shoulder to drop even slightly.

9 Claims, 4 Drawing Sheets

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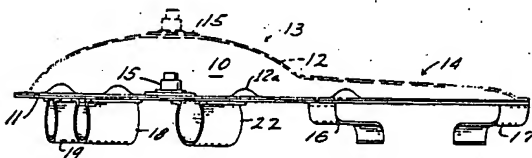
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[34] INFLATABLE DEVICE FOR ARTHRITIC THERAPY

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ABSTRACT: An inflatable splint for extending the fingers and wrist of the hand of the wearer. The splint has an inflatable chamber extending over the hand and wrist area of the wearer, with one surface which assumes a planar configuration when the splint is inflated. The one surface has finger loops adapted to receive the fingers of the wearer and positioned such that, upon inflation, the fingers will be moved to a normally extended, spread-apart position. Wrist straps on the wrist area are provided to encircle the wearer's wrist so that, upon inflation, the wrist joint of the wearer will be moved to a straight position along with the extended fingers.



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[54] PROSTHETIC DEVICE FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS

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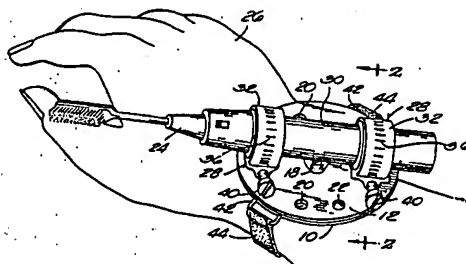
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[57] ABSTRACT

Two stiff discs are rotatably attached together in face-to-face contact, one of the discs having a ring of openings therein, and the other disc having a nipple positioned to engage and latch in the openings. An implement holder is attached to one of the discs and a strap is attached to the other disc for strapping the two discs and implement holder to a person's hand. By rotating the disc carrying the implement holder with respect to the other disc, and clamping it in the desired position, the implement holder can be oriented in the proper rotary position for use of a predetermined implement by the person. The implement can be a knife, fork, comb, tooth brush, or any other suitable implement. The discs can be strapped to the palm of the person's hand, to the back of the hand, or to the wrist.

7 Claims, 5 Drawing Figures



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[34] FROM EXERCISE DEVICE FOR OPPOSING CONTRACTURE

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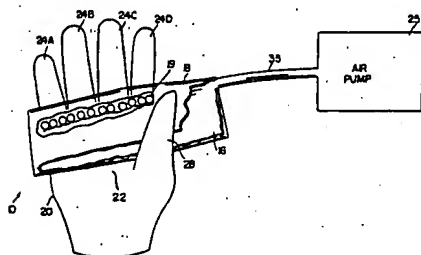
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[37] ABSTRACT

A passive range of motion (PROM) device which manipulates hand muscles of patients suffering from contracture. The PROM device includes a glove for receiving the hand of a patient where the glove has an elastic sleeve secured to a palm side of the glove adjacent the points on the glove where fingers join the hand. The elastic sleeve is inflated to stretch and separate the fingers, and is deflated to allow the fingers to contract.

8 Claims, 5 Drawing Sheets



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[54] ATTACHMENT FOR ARTIFICIAL ARM PROSTHETIC DEVICE

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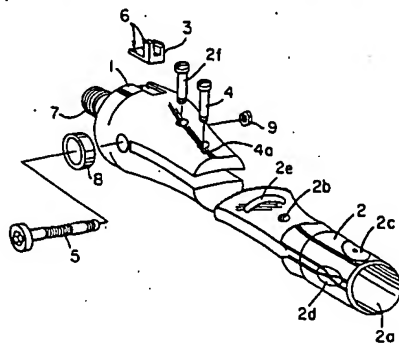
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[57] ABSTRACT

A terminal device is described which is attachable to the end of a prosthesis on an arm and there serves as an attachment site for a variety of tools or implements designed to mate with the terminal device. The terminal device comprises a first main part in operable and pivotal combination with a second main part, the combined main parts providing on one end a device for attaching to the end of an arm prosthesis, and on the other a device for attaching a variety of implements, the said device for implementing functions providing articulation capabilities that allow positioning of the implements in a variety of positions relative to the position of the arm prosthesis. Among the implements which can be attached are for example: cutting tools (such as saws, files, knives, scrapers, and snips); various wrenches (such as open end wrenches, closed end wrenches, ratchet wrenches, adjustable wrenches, Allen wrenches, and pipe wrenches); and a variety of other implements such as spoons, scoops, spatulas, planes, brushes, fishing rods, and stirring devices.

12 Claims, 11 Drawing Sheets



United States Patent (19)

Olsson

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(54) PAINT EQUIPMENT CLEANING TOOL

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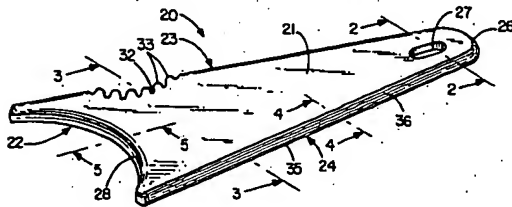
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ABSTRACT

A paint applicator cleaning tool for cleaning painting equipment, such as a paint roller, paint pads, and paint pans. The tool comprises a flat base having a first side with a first arcuate notch having an uninterrupted edge and curved to substantially conform to the outer periphery of a portion of a standard paint roller. A second side of the base has a second arcuate notch having a plurality of teeth operable to fluff the nap of the paint roller. The base has a third side which includes an elongate linear edge for cleaning paint pads and pans and the like.

17 Claims, 13 Drawing Figures



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Weiss

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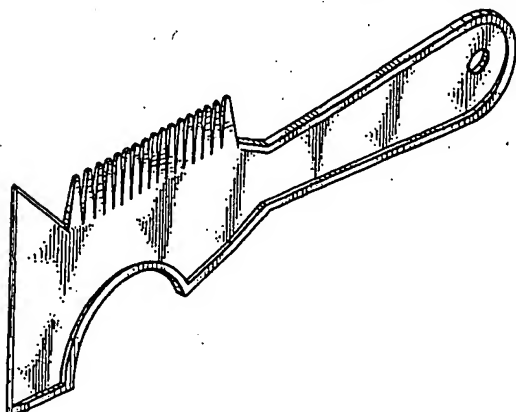
CLAIM

The ornamental design for a tool, as shown.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is an isometric view of the tool showing its main components: a base (1) with a first arcuate notch (2) and a second arcuate notch (3) with teeth (4). The base has a third side (5) with a linear edge (6). Other parts shown include a handle (7), a strap (8), and a strap (9).

1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet



United States Patent (19)

Casab

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(54) ERGONOMIC PUTTY KNIFE

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CLAIM

The ornamental design for ergonomic putty knife, substantially as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a rear, left side perspective view of the ergonomic putty knife of the invention.
FIG. 2 is a front, right side perspective view thereof.
FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view thereof.
FIG. 4 is a front elevational view thereof.
FIG. 5 is a right side elevational view thereof.
FIG. 6 is a left side elevational view thereof.
FIG. 7 is a top plan view thereof.
FIG. 8 is a bottom plan view thereof, and
FIG. 9 is a top perspective view thereof.



United States Patent (19)

Panaccione et al.

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(54) PUTTY KNIFE AND SCRAPER HANDLE

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ABSTRACT

An ergonomic putty knife and scraper handle manufactured from at least two different hardness injection molded polymers having a plurality of barrier longitudinal ribs embedded in a softer overlay but exposed on both top and bottom surfaces in strategic locations. The longitudinal ribs providing non-binding contact with fabric surfaces to ease the insertion and removal of the handle into and from a user's pocket for temporary storage of the tool when not in use. When employing the tool for its intended purpose, however, the user enjoys the comfort, efficiency and safety of an ergonomic handle offering a "soft touch" to thumb and fingers in those locations requiring superior grippability.

20 Claims, 14 Drawing Sheets

